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JOINT INFORMATION CENTER NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SBC-JIC Jesusita Fire 002 DATE: May 5, 2009 TIME: 5:30 p.m.

Mandatory Evacuation Orders

All locations north of Foothill Road (Highway 192) from Ontare Road and Morada Lane to El Cielito Road/Gibraltar Road to East Camino Cielo.

Evacuation Warning/Advisory

All areas west of Coyote Road/Sycamore Canyon Road, north of Alameda Padre Serra to Los Olivos, north of Constance Road to State Street, north of State Street to La Cumbre Road, east of La Cumbre Road to Foothill Road, west of Highway 154 from Foothill Road (Highway 192) to East Camino Cielo Road.

Please see the attached map

Road closures are in effect at:

- Mission Canyon and Tunnel Roads
- Montrose and Tunnel Roads
- Las Encinitas and Mission Canyon Roads
- Alameda Padre Serra and Los Olivos
- Mountain Drive and Mission Canyon Road
- Laguna St. at Los Olivos
- Los Olivos and Garden Street
- Foothill Road (Highway 192) and Mission Canyon Road

What do "Evacuation Warning/Advisory" and "Mandatory Evacuation Order" Mean?

Evacuation Warning/Advisory: Residents are strongly encouraged to make arrangements to leave their homes and seek shelter out of the advisory area. Evacuation Warnings/Advisories can turn into a Mandatory Evacuation at a moment's notice. There is no set rule as to how long a Warning/Advisory cold take. There is always the possibility that a situation may require an immediate mandatory evacuation without an evacuation warning/advisory. Please make sure that you prepare to evacuate at a moment's notice having your belongings ready, including pets and/or other animals. Know the routes you wish to take, by pre planning. Information as to how to plan for an evacuation can be obtained by calling the Red Cross at (805) 450-5921. **If you**

leave your home during an Evacuation Warning/Advisory, you may not be allowed back to your home if it turns into a Mandatory Evacuation.

<u>Mandatory Evacutation</u>: Evacuate your home immediately. Once a mandatory evacuation has been ordered please evacuate your home immediately.

- Once you have left your home you will not be allowed back until the danger has passed.
- Emergency vehicles will be entering the area. Obey all directions given by law enforcement and fire personnel.

Fire Status

- At approximately 1:45 p.m. a fire began in the Cathedral Peak area. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.
- Approximately 100 acres burned, currently moving in a northeasterly direction.
- The American Red Cross has set up an evacuation center at the First Presbyterian Church 21 E. Constance St. (Constance and State Streets) in Santa Barbara.
- The fire response is being administered by a Unified Command consisting of the Santa Barbara Fire Department, Santa Barbara County Fire Department, Montecito Fire, and the US Forest Service.
- A large animal evacuation center has been established at the Earl Warren Showgrounds in Santa Barbara.
- A small animal evacuation shelter has been established by the Humane Society on Overpass Road. For more information call 681-4332.
- The National Weather Service anticipates continued warm weather and high wind conditions to the northwest.

Additional information will be available at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov and on City TV 18.

For more information:

CityTV Channel 18

KEYT-TV Channel 3

Radio Stations:

KCSB-91.9FM; KRAZ-105.9FM; KSYV-96.7FM; KTYD-99.9FM; KSBL-101.7FM

KTMS-990AM; KZSB-1290AM; KUHL-1410AM; KINF-1440AM

Spanish language FM stations KSPE-94.5and KIST-107.7